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SUBJECT: ARREST OF HAITIAN EXILES IN U.S.

1. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED US THAT
AS RESULT OF INVESTIGATION OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO,
AND FIREARMS DIVISION OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
FOUR HAITIANS AND TWO AMERICANS WERE ARRESTED
IN NEWARK, N.J. MAY 19 ON COMPLAINTS CHARGING
CONSPIRACY TO UNLAWFULLY RECEIVE AND POSSESS FIRE-
ARMS AND CONSPIRACY TO UNLAWFULLY TRANSPORT EXPLOSIVES
IN INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE.

2. HAITIANS ARRESTED ARE RENE LEON (FORMER
COLONEL OF HAITIAN ARMY), RAYMOND PIOUS, ARNOLD SALNAVE,
AND CHARLES SMITH. ALL FOUR HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO POST
BAIL RANGING FROM 50,000 DOLS TO 500,000 DOLS.

3. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND FIREARMS DIVISION SEIZED
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IN ADDITION TO WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES, A LARGE
NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS WHICH U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
FOR NEW JERSEY BELIEVES MAY INDICATE EXTENSIVE
CONSPIRACY TO UNDERTAKE ARMED ACTION

AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI. U.S. ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE REPORTS IT IS MOVING FORWARD TO INDICTMENT LATER

THIS WEEK OF ALL SIX PERSONS ARRESTED.

4. FYI THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN CASE. HAITIAN AMBASSADOR SALOMON, WHO LEARNED INDEPENDENTLY OF ARRESTS, CALLED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST CONFIRMATION AND ANY INFORMATION. SALOMON INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE PARAS ONE AND TWO, ABOVE. WE ALSO PROMISED TO INFORM SALOMON WHEN INDICTMENTS ARE MADE. VANCE

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